Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The state of South Dakota is home of Palmer Strom, and we are richer because Palmer lives among us; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love, as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Palmer was born on the family farm near Vivian, South Dakota, on August 25, 1916, to Halvor and Olea Strom and attended North Lund school and farmed with his father; and,

Whereas, Palmer enlisted in the United States Army in September 1941, was stationed in Europe, was with the United States Army of Occupation in Germany, trained soldiers in Tennessee, California, and Michigan, was awarded the Good Conduct, American Defense, European African Middle Eastern Star Campaign with a Bronze Star, WWII, Armey of Occupation Germany, and American Campaign Medals, and Palmer was also a Medic in the United States Army, and was discharged in 1946 with the rank of Corporal; and,

Whereas, Returning from service in WWII, Palmer continued to farm and do carpenter work in the Vivian area, and he was employed by the Hubbard Milling Elevator for 14 years, 6 of those years as manager, and he was an active member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, and Sons of Norway; and,

Whereas, Palmer resides at Kelly's Retirement Home in Pierre, South Dakota, and will observe his 100th birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as his family and friends gather to honor him and celebrate his life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a man who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 25, 2016, as

PALMER STROM DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with his family and friends in wishing him a happy 100th birthday and thanking him for his service to the state of South Dakota and to the United States of America.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Tenth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Sixteen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State